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TITLE: A METHOD FOR DETECTING THE CONDITION OF AN
ORGANISM THROUGH THE MEASUREMENT OF PEPTIDES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PCT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend this application
as follows: --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows: --

1 (amended). A method for detecting the condition of an
organism through the measurement of peptides from a sample of
said organism containing high- and low-molecular weight
peptides, as an indication of the condition of said organism,
without the need to recur to hypotheses, wherein

- low-molecular weight peptides are directly detected and
characterized; and
- related to a reference. --

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